

8.3.2 Negotiations

The long-term facility decommissioning plan, as well as pertinent Agreement milestones and associated commitments, will be used by the parties as aids in scheduling future decommissioning related negotiations. Such negotiations will be coordinated with the facility planning phases discussed under Sections 8.5 and 8.7.

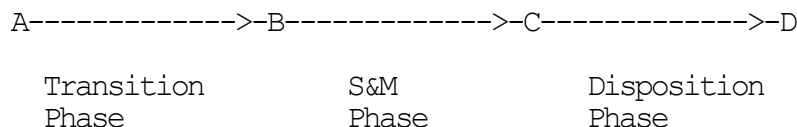
8.3.3 Biennial Review and Update

The parties will; (1) conduct a biennial review of facility/unit status, the long-term facility decommissioning plan, and associated Agreement commitments; (2) discuss current priorities; (3) and assess what changes are necessary. Based on this review and the latest DOE guidance associated with the future use of facilities, DOE will update and submit the long-term facility decommissioning plan and any draft changes addressing proposed Agreement modifications to EPA and Ecology.

8.4 GENERAL DECOMMISSIONING PROCESS

The typical facility decommissioning process, shown in Figure 8-2, depicts the sequential phases a facility undergoes following facility operations and includes transition, surveillance and maintenance (S&M), and disposition. This process is normally initiated following a decision from DOE-HQ to shut down a subject facility and proceed with decommissioning activities. The process time frame is established by milestones and associated target dates negotiated as part of the Agreement, and in most cases will be established one phase at a time.

Figure 8-2 Typical Decommissioning Process



A = Marks the end of the operational phase. A determination has been made by DOE-HQ that the facility is a surplus facility (i.e., formal letter documentation).

B = Marks the end of the transition phase. The preclosure work plan, surveillance & maintenance (S&M) plan and transition end point criteria document are updated as required, and approved by the DOE program responsible for S&M, and by the lead regulatory agency. The DOE review will include a check for transition end point criteria adequacy and equivalency to EM acceptance criteria objectives. Following receipt of necessary approvals, this point marks the start of the S&M phase as an interim period prior to DOE initiation of the disposition phase.

C = Decision to proceed with disposition phase.